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CBI ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI had undertaken nationwide anti-corruption drive recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcome of the drive; and

(d) the further steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to curb the corruption in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. CBI undertook a nationwide special drive against corrupt public servants, economic offenders and others, on 22 February 2002.

(c): 36 cases were taken up by CBI during the drive. Of these,23 cases were against corrupt public servants, 4 cases related to economic offences and 9 cases related to conventional crimes, viz., murder, kidnapping, illegal arms licence racket, etc.

(d): In the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the vigilance set up has been strengthened by (1) upgrading the existing Directorate of Income Tax (Vigilance) to the level of Directorate General of Income Tax (Vigilance), (2) creating four Regional Directorates of Income Tax (Vigilance) and (3) instructions for closer monitoring by the supervisory officers. Similarly, various steps have been taken in the Central Board of Excise & Customs, which include use of information technology to tighten vigilance machinery, posting officers of integrity and efficiency in vigilance organisations, not giving sensitive postings to officers of doubtful integrity, and keeping watch on the lifestyle of the officers.